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Two Ways.

Two ways: only two; one leadeth
Home to the land of rest,
And the good shepherd guides the
flock he feedeth.
The road he knoweth best.
Sweet sounds his voice; all other calls
unheeding,
They watch where he may lead;
And on his face of love his wishes read-
ing,
The flock that track will tread.
Narrow it is, and rough and often
lonely,
Upon the mountain steep.
There is room for Jesus, and for Jesus
only,
And for his timid sheep.

L. S.

Glenford, Ohio.

The convention over, we are now ready for active service. With the exception of a few short sentences (!) and a little work that should yet have been done the work of the convention is satisfactory to most of the brethren. I hope that the work done at Ashland may be a nucleus around which to build and that we may all labor earnestly to accomplish the work that has been commenced.

I preached my last sermon at Mt. Zion Sept. 18th. Two were baptized that day. The work is just opening out there and much good might be done if a revival were held and all the members would lay hold on the work. They will move along prosperously under Bro. Mason. The prospects at Mt. Zion are brighter now than they have been for some time. It is unfortunate that some of the members live so far from the church. But go, if it is six or eight miles. Let not eight miles stand between the church and prosperity. You can have prosperity if you want it.

I am sorry to say that Bro. Eli Hufford a most worthy and influential brother had to return to Cincinnati for the third time to have cancer doctors operate on him. The cancer comes in tumorous form and one is hardly removed until another begins to grow. May the Lord be with him in his affliction.

October 2nd, I preached my farewell sermon at the Bethel church, Perry county. A large crowd had assembled and we had a solemn service. It is sad to part with friends. So far as I know I have not an enemy in the church and all were anxious to have me remain; but, thinking that others can do the same amount of good here that I can, and that I can possibly do more good elsewhere, I have determined to leave. This was my first field of labor after leaving the College. I came here with little experience. I worked hard. I could not do successful work without it. This was a cause, along with my removed distance from the main body of membership, of a lack of pastoral work which is so essential to the successful ministry of the Gospel. But we all must learn and this was a splendid field in which to make a beginning. In my next field I will have more opportunity for pastoral work. Perhaps the congregation here did me more good than I did for the congregation. But if we both

have been benefited I am satisfied and I believe we have. The number of additions to the church has exceeded my wildest anticipations when I first came here. So may it ever be.

Taking my work as a whole, in the first year, through the power of God and the influences of the church I have been instrumental in bringing seventeen souls to Christ. During the second year I have had sixty conversions. In the two years and four months of my work since I left the College, I have had eighty seven applicants for church membership. Had I been an experienced evangelist I might have done more; but since I am only a novice in the work and taking into consideration the surrounding circumstances under which I have labored, I am encouraged to go on in the work.

For the present, I say to the brethren and sisters of Bethel church, farewell. May God bless you and keep you in peace and harmony as you are now in peace and harmony. This much I must say for this church, they are united for heaven. The members love one another and are willing to sacrifice for the prosperity of the church. I can recommend the brethren of Perry county as a good, generous hearted people. They will treat a man about right and will do what they promise to do.

I would not fail to say a word of appreciation of the kindness of Bro. and sister Samuel Deffenbaugh with whom we have boarded during our stay in Perry county. They have been very kind to us.

They are very zealous in the work of the church and are doing more toward the running of the church than any other family in the brotherhood. This is a bold saying; but if you have a family that does over three hundred and fifty dollars a year for the church we will begin to count. I say this not in the way of flattery, nor is the statement an exaggeration; but I say it that others may take courage and lay hold on the work. This Brethren church represents a glorious cause, and if all the members would work and do as much according to their means, it would be but a short time until our church would be prominent in every state, and soon the boundaries would be marked in foreign lands while Ashland College would cast her rays of intelligence into all the quarters of the earth.

While I make allusion to Ashland College let me say a word by way of exhortation. Let us not forget the plan by which to raise the college debt. Let every pastor take hold of this work and where there are isolated members let them give in their dollars—a dollar a year until the debt is paid. There are few so poor who can not pay a dollar a year toward the college. And then you men with great big pocket books that require an extra pair of suspenders to hold them, when you drag them out of your pocket to pay your dol-

lars don't get the idea that you dare only pay a dollar; but put down five or ten or fifty dollars or double your former subscription. There may possibly be a few poor and sickly members who can hardly pay a dollar. Those who are wealthier should make up for such. We should at least average a dollar a member in every congregation and I hope the congregations will not be satisfied until this is done. Some congregations will do more than this. I am anxious to see what congregation will bring in the most dollars. Let us have a little competition in this matter. They say "competition is the life of trade." I wish it could be the life of the college. When I get down to Farmersville,—and I will be there before you read this correspondence,—we will try and work up the congregations there on the dollar plan, and it occurs to me that we will try a five dollar plan along with the one dollar plan. We will go as high as we can. I wonder if we would get up considerable enthusiasm over this college matter whether Bro. Henry Wise would not throw in that thousand dollars he was talking about at the convention. If he would do that along with what his congregation will do they would likely carry the first honors. That would place West Virginia at the head, likely.

Now let us all keep up a good feeling and the college will be paid. It will. I am hopeful.

For sometime I had been undecided as to where I should go. Circumstances over which I had no control obliged me to do at times things contrary to my personal inclinations. But now I go to Farmersville until the first of January. Bro. Mason will take my fields in Perry and Hocking counties. On Jan. 1st, 1888 I locate at Milford, Ind., to take charge of the Milford and Nappanee churches. Owing to circumstances inducing me to do what I could not do without violating a promise to the Milford brethren I disappointed them a time or two already. But now I am coming.

Phillips.—On Sunday Sept. 25, in the German Baptist church at Ankenytown I preached a funeral sermon over the remains of Dwight Ray Phillips, aged 1 year, 10 months, and one day. I have forgotten his father's first name, but the deceased is a grand son of Bro. David Leedy.

A. A. COBER.

Miami Valley Items.

On Friday forenoon during the convention, I was telegraphed to come and preach the funeral of old sister Bare, of West Alexandria.

Having missed two funerals of late, or rather the telegrams having missed me, I determined not to miss another, so departed on the first train.

We had the pleasure of having Bro. Sam. Kiehl, of Dayton, J. H. Burnworth, of Kansas, and sister Becca Musser, of Pa., as my traveling companions.

By the way, if it is not too

late, I will extend my congratulations and wishes to Bro. and sister Burnworth.

On my arrival at West Alexandria I found I was in time enough as the funeral would not be preached until Sunday morning.

Sister Bare was getting old and very feeble. Last summer she had a fall, since which time she has not been well.

Old Bro. Bare, too, is advancing very rapidly to the end, and is much afflicted. He is now nearly blind, although otherwise he is able to get along considering his advanced age.

The funeral was very largely attended, and was preached in the Reformed church at West Alexandria.

I arrived home at 3 a. m., Monday.

From then until Thursday, I was kept busy getting the Report of Convention ready for the printers.

Friday I went down again to fill my appointment at Miamisburg. We had the usual good congregation.

Saturday evening and Sunday I filled my appointments at Little York.

By the way, when going to Miamisburg, what was my surprise to see my old friend and brother P. J. Brown on the road, ready for church too.

We went together, and it is not often that three such big men as brethren J. Early, Philip and and myself get on the narrow limits of one seat. Our united weights were over 600 lbs., and yet we were able to get along peaceably and quiet. Of course my share of the room was not in accordance with my size. How could it be when Bro. Philip got in the middle?

Bro. Brown was billed for a California lecture at Stillwater Junction, Saturday evening.

After filling the Bear Creek appointments on Sunday, he was going home to prepare for a Pa. trip. He expects to dedicate a church and hold meetings in Bro. Henry Wise's congregation.

On Saturday, V. E. Wampler took me to a tailor's shop to get measured for a suit of clothes, to be paid for by somebody else. Of course I went. Thank you brethren.

On Sunday morning I presented the dollar resolution for the College at Little York.

I was a little timid about presenting, as our congregation there is so small and poor.

However I said about this, just before preaching "I had something to say, but hardly knew how to say it. But the best way was to tell the fact without coloring. We had a College at Ashland, and it was in debt. We were determined to lift it out. So at our late Convention, it was decided to request every member of the different congregations to donate one dollar a year until the debt was paid. That was what I was after now. But being a liberal kind of a man, I was not going to confine myself to the church, but will give anyone else an opportunity to give a dollar.

Yea, more than that we would receive a hundred dollars as quickly as we would a dollar. But I was not going to make a long mouth and whine and beg, for we were too independent for that. I merely announce if any one, member or not, wants to give a dollar or more toward this object, let them give me their name or money after dismissing. The money we expect by Jan. 1."

That was all of it. Our congregation numbers but 13, and, as I said before, are poor.

Yet after meeting we received pledges for \$33.

If every church will do this well, we will not need many calls for money.

On Saturday, the 8th, I go to Washington, C. H., to attend a love feast.

On the 15th, I go to Louisville, O., to hold meetings.

Our appointment at Glenford will be filled by Bro. J. L. Kimmel.

Our appointment at Pleasant Hill, too, will be filled by some good man.

After that we will jog along in the old rut.

EDWARD MASON.

Philadelphia Items.

I have no particular objection to seeing my name used in connection with any good work, still I think the editor gave me more prominence relative to College contributions than that may be good for us as a church. The reader might conclude that we were a rich church, while the fact is that we represent less capital than almost any other church in the country, and we want a church building "awfully bad," and do as yet not know where to get the money to build one, but some of us feel that if the college failed it would be such a blow to the church that we would possibly not have any use for a church building; hence our contribution to the College, which is a very liberal one, when our circumstances are considered. We hope many of the churches will express their gratitude in the same substantial manner as the Ashland City church. Thanks to the Ashland church. The contribution of one dollar a year to the support of the college would make the college a great strong hold in the church. This small amount could be easily raised by even very poor people if there was a well established system to collect it. That is only two cents a week, possibly a box placed in some convenient place in the churches would answer the purpose. The few pennies could be dropped from time to time, by the end of the year a considerable amount would no doubt be raised by this means, even if it did not amount to just a dollar for each member. Brethren every where try it.

We expect to baptize three candidates next Sunday evening. Interest unabated. May it ever be so.

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